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SUBJ: BULGARIAN VIEW OF RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA AND ECPC

1. BULGARIAN DIPLOMAT TOLD EMBOFF RECENTLY THAT HIGH-LEVEL YUGOSLAV-BULGARIAN CONSULTATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT FALL, PROBABLY IN SOFIA. THE MEETING HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR JUNE BUT WAS POSTPONED BY THE YUGOSLAVS BECAUSE OF CONFLICT WITH PREPARATIONS FOR ECPC AND COLOMBO NONALIGNED CONFERENCE. BULGARIAN EXPECTS THAT DELEGATIONS WILL INCLUDE BOTH PARTY AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES. HE WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES FOR RESOLUTION OF YUGOSLAV-BULGARIAN DIFFERENCES. HE SAID THE YUGOSLAVS CANNOT ABANDON A POLICY THEY HAVE MAINTAINED FOR 30 YEARS. THE BULGARIANS, FOR THEIR PART, CANNOT RECOGNIZE AS MACEDONIAN "PEOPLE WHO ARE BULGARIANS". (YUGOSLAV FSFA OFFICER IN CHARGE OF BULGARIAN AFFAIRS TOOK SIMILAR LINE ABOUT DIM PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT AT WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS "WORKING GROUP MEETING" THIS FALL. HE SAID TITO WOULD NOT MEET WITH ZHIVKOV UNTIL PROGRESS MADE AND WE NOTE THAT IN FACT AT ECPC ZHIVKOV WAS ONLY EE LEADER TITO DID

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NOT MEET. YUGOSLAV PRESS CONTINUES REGULAR SNIPING

AT BULGARIA.)

2. IN COMMENTING ON THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE, THE BULGARIAN SAID HE THOUGHT THAT THE YUGOSLAVS WERE OVERSTATING THEIR SUCCESS FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION. IN FACT HE SAID THE YUGOSLAVS HAD MADE 20 OR 30 PROPOSALS AFFECTING THE CONFERENCE DOCUMENT AND ONLY 4 OR 5 HAD BEEN ACCEPTED. HE SAID THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE HEAVILY PUBLICIZED MENTION OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AT BERLIN IN ORDER TO COUNTER CRITICISM FROM NONALIGNED ALLIES THAT THEY WERE VIOLATING THE PRINCIPLES OF NONALIGNMENT BY ATTENDING COMMUNIST GATHERING.

3. COMMENT: BULGARIAN ASKED EMBOFF ABOUT VISIT OF MACEDONIAN PRESIDENT BLAGOJ POPOV TO THE UNITED STATES. HE ALSO INQUIRED WHETHER THE UNITED STATES FOCUSED ITS ECONOMIC INTERESTS ONLY ON CERTAIN REGIONS OF YUGOSLAVIA. DEMONSTRATION OF U.S. INTEREST IN MACEDONIA THROUGH POPOV VISIT MAY HAVE SURPRISED THOSE WHO THINK U.S. INTERESTED ONLY IN CROATIA AND SLOVENIA. SILBERMAN

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